

STUDENT SERVICES

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Chemical Abuse Prevention

- The Chemical Abuse Program provides assistance to school districts for programs designed to prevent chemical abuse by pupils in kindergarten through grade twelve.
- The minimum amount that districts receive is \$1,000. Application for funding is part of the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) Application submitted to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) annually.
- Instruction on the nature and harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, narcotic drugs, and marijuana, including instruction on the law related to the control of these substances, may be integrated into existing health, science, citizenship or similar studies according to state determined criteria. Schools can use funds to purchase age appropriate curriculum for grades K-12, for teacher training, program evaluation or other purposes that promote a comprehensive community-wide effort to prevent and/or decrease substance abuse among youth.

Tobacco Use Prevention Program

- The goal of the Tobacco Use Prevention Program is to create tobacco-free school environments for Arizona youth. Tobacco-free means the prohibition of tobacco use
 - by students, staff and visitors,
 - in school buildings,
 - on school grounds and in school vehicles, and
 - at school-sponsored events.
- Tobacco-free school environments are also supported by a new Arizona law, effective August 1999, which prohibits tobacco use anywhere on school grounds, in school vehicles and at school-sponsored events.
- Once a school is tobacco-free, program funds can be used towards other effective or promising, research-based tobacco use prevention activities.
- Schools are required to collaborate with the tobacco local project that serves

their area. The local projects can assist with education and cessation programs and with policy development and enforcement. All public school districts and charter schools are eligible to apply for funding, which is provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services, through the Tobacco Tax and Health Care Act.

- Application for funding is part of the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) Application submitted to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) annually.

Driver Education Program (520.628.7691)

- The Driver Education Program is a cooperative effort between the Arizona Department of Education and the Arizona Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division. Public and private high schools and commercial driving schools exclusively teaching high school students are eligible to apply to the program. There are four requirements schools must meet in order to be approved:
 - They must provide at least 1800 minutes of classroom instruction
 - They must provide at least six hours of behind the wheel (or simulator equivalent) instruction
 - The instructors must have current Arizona teaching certificates with driver education endorsements
 - A principal or superintendent must verify that the information on the application is correct

HIV/AIDS Education

- The HIV/AIDS Education Program at the Arizona Department of Education provides training and services that assist teachers, school nurses, administrators, parents and community groups in HIV/AIDS education efforts.
- Training opportunities include teacher training, peer education, educational updates and policy development. Curricula used are research based, have strong abstinence messages, and develop skills that help prevent transmission of HIV.

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

- The Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCP), also known

as Title IV of the Improving America's School Act (IASA) of 1994, authorizes school districts to implement drug education and prevention programming and activities designed to prevent youth violence.

- The authorized prevention activities within the SDFSCA allow states and local communities to develop drug and violence prevention plans to assist them in achieving the goals of providing safe, disciplined and drug-free learning environments for all young people.
- Entitlement funds are based on the district's average daily membership. Application for funding is part of the IASA Application submitted to the Arizona Department of Education annually. Additional funds are awarded to those schools/districts that can demonstrate a need for additional resources.

Safe Schools Program

- The Arizona Safe Schools Program supports the hiring of Police Officers/Probation Officers at schools for establishing positive interaction among students, staff and law enforcement. Officers should not be hired for the purpose of enforcement. These officers and the schools where they serve are encouraged to work together as a "team".
- School districts are also required to integrate or expand the Law-Related Education philosophy in their schools and to encourage "interactive" modules on citizenship, legal systems, government, etc., so students can participate in a process.
- Budget is 7 million annually, and funds are available by competitive application to the Legislative Committee for School Safety.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

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Early Childhood Block Grant

- The Early Childhood Block Grant promotes student achievement by providing additional funding for early childhood education programs.

- Program funds are allocated by formula based on the number of children enrolled in K -3rd grade who are eligible for free school lunch. Funds may be use to fund a preschool program for economically disadvantaged children, to support full-day kindergarten, or for all students in kindergarten through third grade.
- LEAs and charter schools may also subcontract with federally funded and private preschool providers to help provide these services.
- All participating preschool programs are required to be licensed by the AZ Department of Health Services, and be accredited by a national early childhood organization which is approved by the State Board of Education.

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

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CACFP

- The goal of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is to improve and maintain the health and nutritional status of children in child care or preschool programs, while promoting the development of good eating habits. The adult component of the CACFP serves functionally impaired adults in day care programs.
- The CACFP may be used by schools to provide snacks during the school day to children enrolled in preschool programs and half-day kindergarten programs. The CACFP may also be used to provide snacks to children enrolled in after-school programs in eligible sites.
- Applications for CACFP are available year-round and are renewed each October. The US Department of Agriculture provides funding, and program sponsors are reimbursed on a monthly basis for each meal and/or snack served to enrolled children.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

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SFSP

- The Summer Food Service Program is a USDA program designed to provide a nutritious meal to high risk children between the ages of 0-18 when traditional school is not in session.
- Sponsors may include schools, universities, camps, government agencies, or private non-profit organizations.
- Sponsors must formally apply and sign an agreement with the Arizona Department of Education. They must attend a training workshop prior to participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

602.542.8782

NSLP

- Federally funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).
- United States Department of Agriculture mandated recordkeeping and meal service requirements.
- Reimbursement for meals served under NSLP and SBP.

Application for the NSLP and SBP participation obtained through Student Services at the Arizona Department of Education.